

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1, 19, 37, 38, 47, 56, 131, 150, 169, 170, 180, and 190, and add claims 191-202. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 12-20, 22-26, 28, 30-40, 42-45, 47-49, 51-54, 56, 131-133, 135-139, 141-152, 154-158, 160-171, 173-178, 180, 181, 183-188, and 190-202 are pending in this application.

Applicants amend claims 1, 19, 37, 38, 47, 56, 131, 150, 169, 170, 180, and 190 to more appropriately define the claimed subject matter, for consistency, and to correct informalities. These amendments and the added claims do not add any new subject matter.

§103(a) Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-20, 22-26, 28-40, 42-45, 47-49, 51-54, 56, 131-133, 135-139, 141-152, 154-158, 160-171, 173-178, 180, 181, 183-188, and 190 over Socher et al. and Holm et al.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 12-20, 22-26, 28, 30-40, 42-45, 47-49, 51-54, 56, 131-133, 135-139, 141-152, 154-158, 160-171, 173-178, 180, 181, 183-188, and 190 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,446,040 to Socher et al. ("*Socher et al.*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,850,629 to Holm et al. ("*Holm et al.*").

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness under §103(a), each of three requirements must be met. "First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art," to combine references or modify a reference. MPEP § 2143 (8th ed. Rev. Feb. 2003). Second, a reasonable expectation of success must exist that the proposed modification will work for the intended purpose. *Id.* Moreover, both of these requirements must "be found in the prior art, not in applicant's disclosure." *Id.* Third,

the reference or references, taken alone or in combination, must disclose or suggest every element recited in the claims. *Id.*

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-18, 38-40, 42-45, 131-133, 135-139, 141-149, 170, 171, and 173-178 are allowable over *Socher et al.* because *Socher et al.* does not teach or suggest each and every element of independent claim 1, from which claims 2, 4-8, and 10-18 depend, each and every element of independent claim 38, from which claims 39, 40, and 42-45 depend, each and every element of independent claim 131, from which claims 132, 133, 135-139, and 141-149 depend, or each and every element of independent claim 170, from which claims 171 and 173-178 depend. For example, *Socher et al.* fails to teach or suggest “selection means for selecting whether ... to read out a summary text of the electronic document,” as required by amended claims 1, 38, 131, and 170.

Socher et al. teaches “synthesizing speech from a piece of input text 104” by “retrieving the input text 104 entered into a computing system, and transforming the input text 104 based on the semantics 152 of at least one word of the input text 104 to generate a formatted text 108 for speech synthesis” (Abstract). However, the formatted text does not constitute a “summary text,” as required by claims 1, 38, 131, and 170.

Holm et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of *Socher et al.* because *Holm et al.* appears to be silent on the matter of a “selection means for selecting whether ... to read out a summary text of the electronic document,” as recited in claims 1, 38, 131, and 170. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-18, 38-40, 42-45, 131-133, 135-139, 141-149, 170, 171, and 173-178 should be allowed over *Socher et al.* and *Holm et al.*

Claims 19, 20, 22-26, and 28-37 are allowable over *Socher et al.* because *Socher et al.* does not teach or suggest each and every element of independent claim 19, from which claims 20, 22-26, and 28-36 depend, or each and every element of independent claim 37. For example, *Socher et al.* fails to teach or suggest “selecting whether the speech synthesizer is to read out a summary text of the electronic document,” as required by claims 19 and 37.

Holm et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of *Socher et al.* because *Holm et al.* appears to be silent on the matter of “selecting whether the speech synthesizer is to read out a summary text of the electronic document,” as recited in claims 19 and 37. Thus, claims 19, 20, 22-26, and 28-37 should be allowed over *Socher et al.* and *Holm et al.*

Claims 47-49, 51-54, 56, 150-152, 154-158, 160-169, 180, 181, 183-188, and 190 are allowable over *Socher et al.* because *Socher et al.* does not teach or suggest each and every element of independent claim 47, from which claims 48, 49, and 51-54 depend, each and every element of independent claim 56, each and every element of independent claim 150, from which claims 151, 152, 154-158, and 160-168 depend, each and every element of independent claim 169, each and every element of independent claim 180, from which claims 181 and 183-188 depend, or each and every element of independent claim 190. For example, *Socher et al.* fails to teach or suggest “a selecting step of selecting whether a summary text of the electronic document is to be read out,” as required by amended claims 47, 56, 150, 169, 180, and 190.

Holm et al. does not make up for the deficiencies of *Socher et al.* because *Holm et al.* appears to be silent on the matter of “a selecting step of selecting whether a

summary text of the electronic document is to be read out," as recited in claims 47, 56, 150, 169, 180, and 190. Thus, claims 47-49, 51-54, 56, 150-152, 154-158, 160-169, 180, 181, 183-188, and 190 should be allowed over *Socher et al.* and *Holm et al.*

Added Claims 191-202

Added claims 191-202 should be allowed over *Socher et al.* and *Holm et al.* for at least the reason that they depend from independent claims 1, 19, 37, 38, 47, 56, 131, 150, 169, 170, 180, and 190, respectively.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

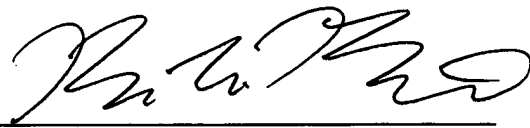
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